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SUBJECT: SAUDI ARABIA REQUIREMENT RE STAR OF DAVID CERTIFICATION

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1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S BEST KNOWLEDGE TO DATE CONCERNING
PROHIBITION OF "SIX-POINTED STAR" APPEARING ON U.S. OR
THIRD COUNTRY WRAPPING OR OTHER PRODUCT CONTAINERS BEING
SHIPPED TO SAUDI ARABIA.

2. SAG DOES HAVE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE DIRECTIVE TO EFFECT
THAT "SIX-POINTED STAR" IN ADVERTISING, MARKS, OR WRAPPING
WILL NOT BE USED. THIS DIRECTIVE HAS NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN
RESCINDED.

3. LANGUAGE IN LETTERS OF CREDIT (POSSIBLY ONLY THOSE
OF NATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK -- NCB) REFERRING TO PRO-
HIBITION OF "STAR OF DAVID" APPEARS TO HAVE RESULTED
FROM NCB'S INTERPRETATION OF COMMERCE DIRECTIVE. AP-
PARENTLY "STAR OF DAVID" LANGUAGE WAS NOT REQUIRED BY
MINISTRY COMMERCE. DURING RECENT CONVERSATION WITH U.S. CORRES-
PONDENT BANK OF NCB, WE SAW "SIX-POINTED STAR" PRINTED
ON LC FORM. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, CORRESPONDENT SAID
HE THOUGHT EACH SAUDI BANK WAS PURSUING OWN COURSE OF
ACTION WITHOUT REGARD TO WHAT REAL INTENT OF MINISTRY
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COMMERCE REGULATION MIGHT BE.

4. IT SEEMS THAT NCB USED "STAR OF DAVID" TERMINOLOGY IN ITS LCS WITHOUT THOUGHT FOR CONSEQUENCES. SUBSEQUENTLY, NCB DID INFORM ITS CORRESPONDENTS THAT THE TERM "SIX-POINTED STAR" - THE ISRAELI SYMBOL -- WOULD BE "ACCEPTABLE."

5. EMBASSY APPRECIATES USDOC ACTION TO STIPULATE WHAT LANGUAGE WILL BE "PERMITTED" OR "ENJOINED" PER PARA (3), REF (A). EMBASSY WILL PASS INFO TO MINISTRY COMMERCE AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY.

6. EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED LIST OF FIRMS USING "SIX-POINTED STAR" EMBLEM WHICH WAS PROMISED TO SAUDI AMBASSADOR ALI-REZA, (REF B).
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